

Understanding barriers to health care through Queer eyes

When we look at diversification in the workplace, a lot of people think that inclusivity will all be covered off by hanging a rainbow flag. There is also a misconception from events such as pride that the queer community wants preferential treatment, which isn't the case.

Queer people in New Zealand don't want or need special treatment – we need understanding, compassion, and to feel safe. The truth is many members of the LGBTIQ+ community will not access primary health care due to the barriers they face such as not feeling safe, discrimination, inappropriate use of pronouns and invasive questioning.

The goal from understanding barriers to health care through queer eyes is to help you gain knowledge and understanding of sexual and gender diversity and support you in creating inclusive practices throughout Aotearoa. We want to ensure going forward that our queer whanau have positive clinical experiences and feel safe accessing primary health care.